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1. **HB 4- Omnibus Drunk Driving Amendments – Hearing scheduled 3/16**

HEARING: (H) JUD Mar 16 1:00 PM CAPITOL 120 TELECONFERENCE

Link to text and fiscal notes: [http://www.legis.state.ak.us/basis/get\\_bill.asp?session=22&bill=HB4](http://www.legis.state.ak.us/basis/get_bill.asp?session=22&bill=HB4)

2. **KNOWLES, AFN CALL FOR INCREASED SUICIDE PREVENTION EFFORTS (Press Release 2/23/01) - Funds Requested in FY02 Budget to Support Community Efforts**

Calling for a strong and unified response to the ongoing crisis of suicide in Alaska, Gov. Tony Knowles today laid the groundwork for the development of a suicide prevention action plan for Alaska in partnership with local communities and Native organizations.



CHEMS has put together a webpage about Kids Don't Float. It provides a brief overview, a list of communities with active loaner boards, and a link to our recent newsletter, "Float Notes." Check it out!

[http://chems.alaska.gov/kids\\_don't\\_float.htm](http://chems.alaska.gov/kids_don't_float.htm)

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#### **4. Training available in Child Passenger Safety in ALASKA**

Two types of courses in Child Passenger Safety are planned during April/May/June/September 2001 (4-day Technician Training and 2-day Introductory Course)

CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY TECHNICIAN CERTIFICATION TRAINING (receive NHTSA certification as a Technician upon successful completion)

\* May 8-11, Ketchikan - 4-day training followed by Child Car Seat Check on May 12 at Lewis Motors in Ketchikan. Contact Colleen McNulty (907-465-3353) for more information

\* May 15-18, Anchorage - 4-day training followed by Child Car Seat Check on May 19 in Anchorage, Alaska Sales and Service, Contact Gordon Glaser (907-269-3433) or Peggy Hayashi (907-261-3194) for more information.

\* Sept 2-5, Anchorage - 4-day training followed by Child Car Seat Check on Sept 6 in Anchorage, Alaska Sales and Service, Contact Gordon Glaser (907-269-3433) or Peggy Hayashi (907-261-3194) for more information.

Note: limited travel scholarships for a 4-day class are available from CHEMS. Contact David Thomson at 907-465-8632.

CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY - 2-DAY CAR SEAT CLASS (this is an introductory class - does not award Technician certification)

\* April 19-20 Anchorage followed by a Child Passenger Car Seat Check on Saturday, April 21 Alaska Sales and Service

\* May 24-25, Petersburg, following by a Child Car Seat Check on May 26. Local contact Dena Budinger (907-772-3488). Contact Colleen McNulty (907-465-3353) for more information

\* June 7-8, Juneau, following by a Child Car Seat Check on June 9 at Capital Chevrolet (formally Lewis Motors). Contact Colleen McNulty (907-465-3353) for more information

From the NHTSA website: Child Passenger Safety Training Programs  
[www.nhtsa.dot.gov/people/injury/childps/Training/index.html](http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov/people/injury/childps/Training/index.html)

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#### **5. AMSEA – Alaska Marine Safety Education Association**

"The Alaska Marine Safety Education Association (AMSEA) was founded in 1985 to create a cold water safety information and training network throughout Alaska and the West Coast. Our goal is: To reduce loss of life and injury due to hypothermia and drowning in cold water environments through public education and training.

In April 1983, the American Academy of Pediatrics initiated The Injury Prevention Program – TIPP – for children from birth to 4 years of age. In October 1988 TIPP was expanded to include



Parents should take the toy away from children immediately and return the toy to any McDonald's restaurant for a replacement toy. For more information, consumers should visit McDonald's web site at [www.mcdonalds.com](http://www.mcdonalds.com). Questions about this recall should be directed to CPSC's hotline at (800) 638-2772.

## 11. CPSC, Burger King and Alcone Announce Recall of Kid's Meal Toys

### 13. Injury Prevention Seminar Series – Available on the Web

#### 14. CDC Publication: U.S. Fall Prevention Programs for Seniors - Selected Programs Using Home Assessment and Modification



Text w/ photo and streaming video: [www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prereel/prhtml01/01094.html](http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prereel/prhtml01/01094.html)

In January 2001, a 9-month-old baby in Longview, Wash., died of asphyxiation when her neck was caught in the V-shape created by the collapsed sides of her crib/play yard. There have been three other deaths and three reports of babies found not breathing (who were revived) associated with these products.

There were 100,000 "Home and Roam" and "Baby Express" portable cribs/play yards sold between 1992 and 1994. The crib/play yard can appear to be set up properly even if the top rails are not fully locked. If the crib/play yard is not set up so that each top rail is securely locked in position, a baby can be caught by the neck and strangle.

CPSC has previously announced the recall of several other portable cribs/play yards with rotating top rails that can collapse and entrap a child in the folded top rails. CPSC is aware of 14 deaths to children when the top rails of play yards collapsed. A new safety standard requires that the top rails of play yards automatically lock into place when the unit is fully set up. In addition to the Baby Trend "Home and Roam" and "Baby Express" models, CPSC obtained voluntary recalls of the following play yards with top rails that people had to turn into place when setting up the unit: Evenflo "Happy Camper, Happy Cabana, and Kiddie Camper;" Century Models 10-710 and 10-810; and Kolcraft "Playskool Travel-Lite Model." CPSC also issued a safety warning about All Our Kids Models 742 and 762 play yards imported by a firm that is out of business.

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WASHINGTON, D.C. - In cooperation with the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), Graco Children's Products Inc., of Elverson, Pa., is voluntarily recalling about 860,000 highchairs. The chair's legs can come out, causing the chair to fall to the ground. Children can suffer serious injuries from the fall.

Graco has received 108 reports of the highchair legs coming out of the seat, including 105 injuries. Injuries have included a mild concussion, two broken noses, six cuts requiring stitches, black eyes, and bumps and bruises.

The model and serial numbers of these Graco highchairs are located on a sticker beneath the seat. The model number contains "3170," "36051" or "74001" within it. The first six numbers in the serial number indicate the date of manufacture. The recalled highchairs were manufactured from January 1, 1995 through December 8, 1997 (or from 010195 through 120897). The highchairs are made of a white plastic seat with white metal legs, and "Graco" is printed on the front of the tray. Mass merchandise, juvenile products and discount department stores nationwide sold these highchairs from January 1995 through June 1998 for between \$30 and \$35.

Consumers should stop using the highchairs immediately and call Graco at (800) 617-7447 anytime to receive a free repair kit. Additional information is available at [www.gracobaby.com](http://www.gracobaby.com) under Customer Service/Recall Information. Consumers also can write to Customer Affairs, Graco Children's Products, Inc., Box 100, Elverson, PA 19520. Consumers should have the highchair in front of them when they call Graco.

Highchairs with push pins on the legs that snap into the seat are not part of this recall.

## 17. CPSC, Simmons Announce Recall to Repair Cribs

Text w/ photo and streaming video: [www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml01/01087.html](http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml01/01087.html)

WASHINGTON, D.C.- In cooperation with the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), Simmons Juvenile Products, of New London, Wis., is voluntarily recalling more than 68,600 cribs for repair. Bracket hooks that are used to position the height of the mattress can break, causing the mattress to collapse. Babies can become trapped and suffocate when this happens.

In the past four months, Simmons has received more than 800 reports of bracket hooks breaking. In one case, a 6-month-old hit his chin on the side rail when the mattress dropped.

Simmons is offering a free repair kit, which includes replacement brackets and instructions. The repair can be made easily in the home.

Most of the recalled Simmons cribs were made in 1998. Those sold at Sears were made in 1998, 1999 and 2000. Only "98" cribs of all models are recalled, except for Sears cribs. For Sears cribs (which are model numbers 025260 and 065060), the years "98" "99" and "00" are recalled because the problem bracket hooks were used all three years. The brackets on all other Simmons cribs except for Sears changed to different type attachments after 1998. The cribs were sold under the name "Little Folks". Simmons and the two-digit year of manufacture are written on a label affixed to the crib's headboard. The year is the two-digit number following the model number. "Little Folks" is on another label affixed to the headboard. The cribs are constructed of maple or ash, and are painted or stained in more than a dozen different colors, including natural, golden and white. "Simmons" is written on the top rail. Simmons will help consumers identify if their crib is recalled.

Discount, mass merchandise, juvenile product and department stores, including Sears, sold the cribs nationwide from January 1998 through December 2000 for between \$200 and \$600.

Consumers should stop using these recalled cribs immediately and contact Simmons to receive free replacement brackets by overnight mail. Consumers can contact Simmons anytime at (800) 421-2951 or at [www.simmonsjp.com/recall.cfm](http://www.simmonsjp.com/recall.cfm)

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This message has been compiled and sent to subscribers of the AK-Prev, AHELP, AK-EMSC list-serves by the Section of Community Health & EMS (CHEMS), Alaska Division of Public Health. It has also been sent as a "bcc" to others in Alaska including Public Health Centers, SAFE KIDS coalitions, Native Health organizations, Alaska Injury Prevention Center, and regional EMS Councils and Coordinators who may be interested and active in injury prevention and health promotion. The purpose is to share resources, breaking news, training opportunities, product recalls, and opinion to help prevent injuries to Alaskans. Feedback and contributions are encouraged.

link for the AK-Prev & AK-EMSC list-serve: [http://chems.alaska.gov/ems\\_list\\_servers.htm](http://chems.alaska.gov/ems_list_servers.htm)

link for the AHELP list-serve: <http://www.auroraweb.com/ahec/>

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